

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

STRATFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
RALPH M. HUTCHINS	1946
Town Clerk	
EDWARD B. FULLER	1946
Treasurer	
AMY J. BLODGETT	1946
Selectmen	
BERT STINSON	1946
HAROLD W. RAMSAY	1947
BERNARD C. NUGENT	1948
Tax Collector	
HAZEN KENNEDY	1946
Health Officer	
ROGER HUNT	1946
Library Trustees	
MARY L. NUGENT	1946
CARRIE GARDNER	1947
ETHEL JOHNSON	1948
Town Road Commissioner	
BERT STINSON	1946
Supervisors of Check Lists	
HAROLD B. HAPGOOD	1946
WALTER NILES	1946
LESLIE E. BARNETT	1946
Trust Fund Trustees	
DELIA B. HAPGOOD	1946
DOROTHY HAPGOOD	1947
PAULINE HUNT	1948
Water Rent Collector	
FRANK A. SMITH	1946

Cemetery Trustees

HUGH JOHNSON	1946
WILLIAM FULLER	1947
LESLIE E BARNETT	1948

Public Health Nurse

DELIA B. HAPGOOD	1946
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Municipal Court Judge

WILLARD A. RUCH	1946
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Auditors

STATE TAX COMMISSION

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford, County of Coos, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, in the village of North Stratford, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 1946 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect two auditors for the ensuing year, or to see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of municipal accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such an audit.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To elect one selectman for three years, and all other town officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will continue the services of the public health nurse and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for highways, bridges and town maintenance.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of monies the town will vote to raise for the following: Libraries, Memorial Day, Skating Rinks, Sewers, Street Lighting, Cemeteries, Retirement of Bonds, Long Term

Notes, Interest, Insurance, Personal Bonds and any other monies for the town.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to pledge the credit of the town to raise funds in anticipation of taxes, when necessary for the payment of obligations.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the town through tax collector's deed or any other property owned by the town.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on any part of the taxes paid before a certain date.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.66 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per \$1000 of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1 per cent) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise \$500.00 to repair the town building, housing the Public Library at Stratford Hollow.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money for Police Protection from June 1st to September 15th.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the town will take to provide a War Memorial which will include the veterans of World War II and to raise money for the building of same.

ARTICLE 15. To hear reports of agents, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hand and seal at Stratford, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1946.

HAROLD W. RAMSAY,

BERNARD C. NUGENT,

BERT STINSON,

Selectmen Town of Stratford.

BUDGET FOR 1946

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Ensuing Year January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946,
compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of
the Previous Year January 1, 1945 to December 31,
1945.

Sources of Revenue

From State:

	Actual 1945	Est. 1946
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 40.78	\$ 40.78
Railroad Tax	1038.34	1038.34
Savings Bank Tax	146.79	146.79
For Fighting Forest Fires	26.90	26.90

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Fines and Forfeits,		
Municipal Court	48.53	50.00
Rent of Town Hall and		
Other Buildings	341.57	600.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:		
Water Department	2847.13	2227.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	534.47	500.00

From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:

Poll Taxes, Regular at \$2	488.00	488.00
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Total Revenue from All Sources		
except Property Taxes	\$5512.51	\$5117.81
Amt. to be raised by Property		
Taxes	38509.97	
Total Revenues	\$44022.48	\$5117.81

Purposes of Expenditures

Actual 1945 Est. 1946

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 912.25	\$ 912.25
Town Officers' Expenses	881.34	950.00
Election and Registration Expenses	68.00	100.00
Municipal Court Expenses	100.00	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	1371.11	1400.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire Department	288.72	300.00
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Health:

Health Department, including hospitals	1993.40	2000.00
Vital Statistics	12.50	12.50
Sewer Maintenance	246.65	250.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance: Summer	665.79	665.79
Town Maintenance: Winter	1132.42	1132.42
Street Lighting	1020.00	1020.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	11.00	11.00
Town Road Aid	210.42	162.05

Libraries:

Libraries	472.79	500.00
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	1178.50	1200.00
Old Age Assistance	288.44	300.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50.00	100.00
Aid to Soldiers and their families	75.00	100.00

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Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds, including band concerts	43.81	50.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Municipally owned Water and Electric Utilities	186.73	200.00
Cemeteries	39.00	50.00

Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses	46.30	50.00
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Interest:

On Bonded Debt	2100.00	1900.00
On Long Term Notes	564.90	467.50

Indebtedness:**Payment on Principal of Debt:**

Bonds	4000.00	4000.00
Long Term Notes	1000.00	1000.00
Deficit of Previous Year	1000.00	

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	4292.19	4292.19
Payments to School Districts	18500.00	21000.00

Total Expenditures	\$42751.26	\$44425.70
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY OF TOWN, April 1, 1945

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$440,094.00
Growing Wood and Timber	97,226.00
Electric Plants	62,630.00
Horses, 80	9,935.00
Cows, 368	45,885.00
Other Neat Stock, 31	2,100.00
Sheep, 9	54.00
Hogs, 5	150.00
Fowls	200.00
Vehicles, 8	8,050.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	1,150.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	3,205.00
Stock in Trade	20,902.00
Mills and Machinery	65,000.00
Total Valuation	\$756,581.00

Poll Taxes—Regular 244 at \$2.00 \$488.00

Poll Taxes—Special 258 at \$3.00 \$774.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED 1945

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,102.32
Town Officers' Expenses	513.89
Municipal Court Expenses	26.00
Town Hall and Buildings	1,093.33
Fire Department	155.92
Health Department	2,159.55
Vital Statistics	19.75
Town Road Aid	16.98

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Town Maintenance	737.04
Printing Town Reports	180.00
Street Lighting	1,020.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	250.60
Sewer Maintenance	248.80
Libraries	400.00
Old Age Assistance	496.39
Town Poor	1,432.69
Memorial Day	60.90
Parks and Playgrounds, including	
Band Concerts	141.00
Water and Electric Utilities	207.68
Interest	2,916.25
Payments on Principal of Debt	5,000.00
County Tax	4,292.19
School Tax	19,000.00

Total Town and School Appropriations \$41,471.28

Less: Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 38.61
Railroad Tax	1085.80
Savings Bank Tax	190.66
Motor Vehicles Permit Fees	500.00
Rent of Town Property	250.00
Water and Electric Depts.	2000.00
	<hr/> 4065.07

\$37,406.21

Plus Overlay

1,591.76

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation

\$38,997.97

 Less Regular Poll Taxes at \$2.00

488.00

Amount to be raised by property taxes
on which tax rate is figured

\$38,509.97

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$38,509.97
Regular Polls at \$2.00	488.00

Total taxes—Town & Precinct	\$38,997.97
Special Poll Taxes at \$3.00	774.00

Total Taxes to be Committed	\$39,771.97
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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: February 1, 1946.

HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
BERNARD C. NUGENT,
BERT STINSON,

Selectmen.

AMY J. BLODGETT,
Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$ 12,000.00
Town Hall, furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	2,500.00
Libraries, furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Police Dept., lands and buildings	2,000.00
Police Dept., equipment, including vault	1,000.00
Fire Dept., including lands and buildings	2,500.00
Fire Dept., equipment	2,500.00
Highway Dept., lands and buildings	500.00
Highway Dept., equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept., materials and supplies	100.00
Parks, commons and playgrounds	2,000.00
Water Supply, if owned by the town	115,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	84,800.00
Schools, equipment	11,000.00
Town House and equipment, at Center	2,000.00
Town Histories	500.00
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	\$243,400.00

BALANCE**Assets****Cash:**

In hands of treasurer	\$17,517.64
In hands of officials:	
Public Health Nurse	1.00
Municipal Court	9.88
Water Collector	192.55

Accounts Due to the Town:

Due from State:	
Bounties	81.00
Due from other sources:	
Ray Fuller, Band Stand	24.00
Karl Edwards, Observation Post Bldg.	38.00
Town of Bloomfield, 1-3 repair bill	59.72
Frank Flanders Est., Burial Expenses	100.00
Water Rents	1,668.75
K. of P.'s rent of Lodge Rooms	250.00

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1944	1242.81
Levy of 1943	351.12
Previous Years	1,045.35

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1945	6,966.15
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Total Assets	\$29,547.97
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Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	36,013.03
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Grand Total	\$65,561.00
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Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1944 \$43,657.13

Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1945 36,013.03

Decrease of Debt, Surplus	\$ 7,644.10
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Liabilities**Accounts Owed by the Town:**

Due to State—Special \$3 Poll Taxes:

Uncollected—due State when collected,
1944, \$30.00, 1945, \$531.00 \$ 561.00

Due to School Districts: Balance of

Appropriation 9,000.00

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Water Notes, Issues of 1938, 2 3-4 Pc. 17,000.00

Bonds Outstanding:

Water Bonds, Issue of 1920, 5 Pc. 20,000.00

Water Bonds, Issue of 1921, 5 Pc. 19,000.00

Total Liabilities \$65,561.00

Grand Total \$65,561.00

RECEIPTS AND

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1945

Receipts

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$31,883.67
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	432.00
Special Poll Taxes at \$3.00	681.00
Poll Taxes at \$2.00, 1944	278.00
Special Poll Taxes, 1944	432.00
Poll Taxes, 1943	10.00
Poll Taxes, 1942	14.00
Previous Years' Taxes	13,818.08
Tax Sales Redeemed	731.32
Interest on Taxes	274.35
	————— \$48,554.42

From State of New Hampshire:

Forest Fire Bill—States' Share	\$ 26.90
Railroad Tax	1,038.34
Savings Bank Tax	146.79
Interest and Dividends Tax	40.78
Recovery on Old Age Assistance	18.79
	————— 1,271.60

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$534.47
Dog Licenses 1943-44	4.00
Dog Licenses, 1945	108.00
	————— 646.47
Town Hall Rent	244.50
Cora Graham House Rent	97.07
Water Rents	2,847.13
Fines and Costs	48.53
	————— 3,883.70

PAYMENTS

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 912.25	
Town Officers' Expenses	881.34	
Election and Registration	68.00	
Municipal Court	100.00	
Town Hall and other buildings	1,371.11	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,332.70

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire Department	\$ 288.72	
Bounties	81.00	
Damage by Dogs	30.00	
	<hr/>	399.72

Health:

Health	\$1,993.40	
Sewer	246.65	
Vital Statistics	12.50	
	<hr/>	2,252.55

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 210.42	
Town Maintenance—Summer	670.79	
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,132.42	
Street Lighting	1,020.00	
General	6.00	
	<hr/>	3,039.63

Education:

Libraries	\$ 472.79	472.79
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 288.44	
Direct Relief	1,178.50	
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RECEIPTS AND

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Nursing Association, 1944	\$155.00
Nursing Association, 1945	604.60
School District, Health Supervision, 1944	500.00
School District, Health Supervision, 1945	500.00
Town Histories Sold	23.25
Shortage Repaid—Harold Hapgood	176.64
	<hr/> 1,959.49
Total Receipts	\$55,669.21
Cash on hand December 31, 1944	<hr/> 7,343.07

Grand Total**\$63,012.28**

PAYMENTS (continued)

Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	\$ 50.00	
Soldiers' Aid	75.00	
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Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 43.81	43.81
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	\$ 39.00	
Water Department	186.73	
	<hr/>	225.73
Unclassified:		
Taxes Bought by Town	\$1,557.53	
Damage and Legal Expense	46.30	
Refunds	35.75	
	<hr/>	1,639.58
Interest:		
Long Term Notes	\$ 563.75	
Water Bonds	2,101.15	
	<hr/>	2,664.90
Indebtedness:		
Payments on Water Bonds	\$4,000.00	
Payments on Water Notes	2,004.10	
	<hr/>	6,004.10
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Special Poll Taxes	\$1,035.00	
County Tax	4,292.19	
School—Appropriation	18,500.00	
	<hr/>	23,827.19
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		45,494.64
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1945		17,517.64
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Grand Total		\$63,012.28

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - Town of Stratford, N. H.
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1945

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1102.32		\$ 1102.32	\$ 912.25	\$ 190.07	
Town Officers' Expenses	513.89		513.89	686.59		\$ 172.70
Municipal Court Expenses	26.00	\$ 48.53	74.53	100.00		25.47
Town Hall and Buildings	1093.33	341.57	1434.90	1371.11	63.79	
Fire Department	155.92	26.90	182.82	288.72		105.90
Health Department	2159.55	1759.60	3919.15	2037.80	1881.35	
Vital Statistics	19.75		19.75	12.50	7.25	
Town Road Aid	16.98		16.98	210.42		193.44
Town Maintenance	737.04		737.04	1803.21		1066.17
Printing Town Report	180.00		180.00	194.75		14.75
General Exp. Highway Dept.	250.60		250.60	6.00	244.60	
Street Lighting	1020.00		1020.00	1020.00		
Sewer Maintenance	248.80		248.80	246.65	2.15	

Libraries	400.00		400.00	472.79	72.79
Old Age Assistance	496.39	18.79	515.18	288.44	226.74
Town Poor	1432.69		1432.69	1178.50	254.19
Memorial Day	60.90		60.90	50.00	10.90
Parks and Playgrounds	141.00		141.00	43.81	97.19
Water and Electric Utilities	207.68		207.68	186.73	20.95
Interest	2916.25		2916.25	2664.90	251.35
Payments on Principal of Debt	5000.00		5000.00	6004.10	1004.10
County Tax	4292.19		4292.19	4292.19	
School Tax	19000.00		19000.00	18500.00	500.00
Totals	\$41471.28	\$2195.39	43666.67	\$42571.46	\$26555.32
					2655.32
				Unexpended Balance	\$1095.21

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Number of Marriages in Town	8
Number of Births in Town	6
Number of Deaths in Town	4
Number of Auto Permits Issued	249
Amount of Money Collected	\$546.22
Dog Licenses Collected, 1944-1945	\$238.95
Less fees	9.20
Total	<hr/> \$229.75

Respectively Submitted,
EDWARD B. FULLER,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1945

Dr.

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$39,397.49
Polls at \$2.00	782.00
Special Polls at \$3.00	1,212.00

Total Warrant	\$41,391.49
Added taxes	
Property taxes	10.18
Interest Collected	2.15

\$41,403.82

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Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$31,883.67
Interest collected	2.15
Polls at \$2.00	432.00
Special Polls at \$3.00	681.00
Abatements	557.85

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	6,966.15
Polls at \$2.00	350.00
Special Polls at \$3.00	531.00

Total Credits \$41,403.82

C. HAZEN KENNEDY,

Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1945	\$ 7,341.07
Error in check December 1944	2.00
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	\$ 7,343.07

Received from State Treasurer:

Forest Fire Bill—State's Share	26.99
Railroad Tax	1,038.34
Savings Bank Tax	146.79
Interest and Dividends Tax	40.78
Recovery on Old Age Assistance	18.79

From Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	534.47
Dog Licenses, 1943-1944	4.00
Dog Licenses, 1945	108.00

From Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse:

Nursing Association Fees Collected 1944	155.00
Nursing Association Fees Collected 1945	604.60

From School District Treasurer:

Health Supervision, 1943-44	500.00
Health Supervision, 1944-45	500.00

From Frank A. Smith, Water Rent Collector:

Water Rents Collected	2,847.13
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From Willard A. Ruch, Municipal Court Justice:

Fines and Costs	48.53
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From Charles Sidgell:

Rent of Cora Graham House	97.07
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From Town Hall Agent:

Rent of Town Hall	244.50
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From Town Histories:

Town Histories sold	23.25
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From Harold B. Hapgood:

Shortage Repaid	176.64
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From Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector:

1945 Levy	31,883.67
1945 Interest	2.15
1945 Poll Taxes	432.00
1945 Special Poll Taxes	681.00
1944 Levy	13,818.08
1944 Interest	184.78
1944 Poll Taxes	278.00
1944 Special Poll Taxes	432.00
1943 Poll Taxes	10.00
1942 Poll Taxes	14.00

Redeemed Taxes:

1936	50.00
1937	27.89
1937 Interest	17.65
1938	173.55
1938 Interest	32.90
1939	89.46
1939 Interest	20.70
1942	69.65
1942 Interest	16.17
1943	138.05
1944	182.72

Total Receipts	\$63,012.28
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Selectmen's Orders Paid	45,494.64
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1945	\$17,517.64
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AMY J. BLODGETT,
Treasurer.

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
AND PROOF OF TREASURER'S BALANCE**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1945

Balance—December 31, 1944	\$ 7,343.07	
Receipts—January 1 to Decem- ber 31, 1945	55,669.21	
	<hr/>	\$63,012.28
Expenditures—January 1 to Decem- ber 31, 1945		45,494.64
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Cash Book Balance—December 31, 1945		\$17,517.64

Proof of Treasurer's Balance

Balance as per Farmers & Traders National Bank Statement of December 31, 1945	\$13,248.75	
Less: Outstanding Checks	1,761.21	
	<hr/>	\$11,487.54
Deposited After December 31, 1945:		
January 7, 1946	6,030.10	
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Reconciled Bank Balance—Decem- ber 31, 1945		\$17,517.64

AMY J. BLODGETT,
Treasurer.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Harold W. Ramsay, Selectman	\$150.00
Bernard C. Nugent, Selectman	150.00
Bert Stinson, Selectman	150.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Treasurer	75.00
Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector	225.00
Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk	100.00
Edward B. Fuller, Issuing Motor Vehicle Permits	62.25

Total	\$912.25
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Town Officers' Expenses

H. H. Hinman, Post Office Box Rent	\$ 3.60
H. H. Hinman, Stamped Envelopes for Tax Collector	23.56
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service and tolls	57.66
Coos County Democrat, Printing	205.00
Julian E. Wakefield, Clerk	165.79
Hazen Kennedy, Tax Association Dues 1943-44-45	13.60
Hazen Kennedy, Recording Tax Deeds	2.43
Ralph M. Hutchins, Telegram	.67
Coos County Registry of Deeds, Recording Transfers	14.07
Edson C. Eastman, Tax Invoice Record Book and Supplies	46.20
Bernard C. Nugent, 3 trips to Concord and use of car	84.40

Bert Stinson, 3 trips to Concord and use of car for inventory	34.00
Harold W. Ramsay, 3 trips to Concord and expenses	31.20
Harold W. Ramsay, Telegram to Tax Commission	.76
Sears, Roebuck & Co., Desk Stapler, Staples, Ink Pad and Ink	5.42
Amy J. Blodgett, Chairman March Service League Committee, Donation for Governor's Banquet	25.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Weigh Bills	.50
Frank A. Smith, Statements and Envelopes	10.50
Amy J. Blodgett, Services as Clerk, Office Supplies and Stamps	56.98
George M. Stevens & Son Co., Town Officers' Bonds	100.00

Total	\$881.34
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Election and Registration

Ralph M. Hutchins, Moderator 1943-44-45	\$ 50.00
Leslie E. Barnett, Supervisor of Check List	6.00
Walter Niles, Supervisor of Check List	6.00
Harold B. Hapgood, Supervisor of Check List	6.00

Total	\$ 68.00
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Municipal Court

Willard A. Ruch, Services as Judge 1945	\$100.00
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Town Hall and Other Buildings

Antonio Dumont, Janitor	\$ 105.00
Gulf Oil Corporation, Fuel	592.24
Public Service Company of New Hamp., Electric Lights	77.56
Fuller Bros., Repairs	9.76
Raymond Savage, Trucking Ashes	13.00

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Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	9.46
George M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance	360.29
Ray Conn, 3 gal. Casein Paint and Labor Painting Dining Room	16.55
Mrs. H. W. Ramsay, Cleaning	6.50
James Kennedy, Janitor	82.00
F. W. Woolworth Company, Dishes	26.04
Frank Smith, Labor	25.00
H. W. Ramsay, Supplies	19.64
J. S. Beaton, Repairs on Heating System	11.00
Charles Sidgell, Labor on Cora Graham House	17.07

Total **\$1371.11**

Street Lighting

Public Service Company of New Hamp., Street Lights 1945	\$1020.00
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General Expense

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, 4 Load Limit Signs	\$ 6.00
Bert Stinson, Water Trough	5.00
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	\$ 11.00

Libraries

Ethel Johnson, Treasurer, Appropriation	\$400.00
Harlan Wheeler, Labor on Library Building at Stratford Hollow	28.80
Harold W. Ramsay, Board for Library Build- ing at Stratford Hollow	11.25
J. S. Beaton, Labor and Material, Library Building at Stratford Hollow	32.74
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	\$472.79

Town Poor

Carrie Gardner, Board and Care of Geraldine Gallant	\$ 45.00
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Myrtle Hapgood, Board and Care of Mary Young's Child	258.00
Elizabeth Egan, Board and Care of Thomas Gallant	263.00
Mrs. Jay C. Knight, Board and Care of William Young	267.00
Lina K. Wood, Board and Care of Geraldine White	200.00
Leslie Barnett, Burial Expenses of Frank Flanders	100.00
Dr Ferguson, Anesthetic for Lawrence Morancy 1943	5.00
A. Coopér, rent for A. Goudreau	40.50
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	\$1178.50

Memorial Day

Maude Bladgett, Chairman, Stratford Hollow	\$50.00
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Soldiers' Aid

W. R. Schillhammer, M. D., Hospital Bill	\$75.00
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Parks and Playgrouds

John Drapeau, Care of Soldier's Monument 1944 and 1945	\$10.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Paint and Brush	1.73
Antonio Dumont, Moving Skating Rink	15.00
Canadian National Railways, Fountain Site	6.00
H. W. Ramsay, wreath for monument, flags and telegram	11.08
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	\$43.81

Cemeteries

William Fuller, Cleaning three Cemeteries	\$39.00
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Sewer Maintenance

Ralph M. Hutchins, Tile	\$ 6.00
Johnson Barker Co., Supplies	7.55
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	2.60

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Alice B. Hutchins, Sewer Lease	200.00
Frank A. Smith, Labor	30.50
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	\$246.55

Refunds

Hazen Kennedy, Overpayment on Taxes	\$22.77
Socony Vacuum Oil Company, overpayment on Assessment	12.98
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	\$35.75

Damage and Legal Expenses

William Lehnert, Legal Advise	\$46.30
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Fire

Earl McMann, Forest Fire (Payroll)	\$137.70
Aaron E. Stevens, Fire Extinguisher	1.10
Conn. General Life Insurance Co., Insurance	84.00
George M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance	52.42
Frank Smith, Labor	13.50
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	\$288.72

Bounties

Bert Stinson, Hedgehogs	\$28.50
Edward Connary, Bear and 1 Hedgehog	5.50
Bert Stinson Jr., Bear	5.00
B. C. Nugent, Hedgehogs	1.00
H. W. Ramsay, Hedgehogs	41.00
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	\$81.00

Dogs

Roger Hunt, Collecting Dog Taxes	\$30.00
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Health Department

Delia B. Hapgood, District Nurse	\$1672.18
Delia B. Hapgood, Expenses	250.00
Roger Hunt, Health Officer	25.00

Roger Hunt, Trip to Colebrook and Fumigating	6.00
L. E. Barnett, Pain Oil	1.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	39.22
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	\$1993.40

Vital Statistics

Edward B. Fuller, Recording and Filing	\$12.50
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Town Maintenance**Summer:**

Fred Virtue, Labor on Crown Hill	\$ 4.00
Bert Stinson, (Payroll)	389.40
L. R. Roberts, Plank	74.65
William Dominick, Labor on Bridge	4.20
J. Goudreau, Labor on Bridge	6.30
J. Gendron, Labor on Bridge	7.00
Ralph Blodgett, Trucking Plank	50.00
Morris & Company, Plank	47.15
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, Calcium Chloride	12.64
Aaron E. Stevens, Spikes and Nails for Bridge	5.95
Frank A. Smith, Labor on Bridge	38.25
Reginald Lamere, Truck and Labor on Patching Bridge	26.95
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	\$665.79

Winter:

Reginald Lamere, Plowing and Sanding	\$ 848.02
Bert Stinson, Plowing and Sanding (Payroll)	145.85
Archie Portigue, Town Road Commissioner (Payroll)	128.65
John Drapeau, Shoveling	1.20
Treasurer, State of New Hamp., Plowing Town Clerk's Road	8.70
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	\$1132.42

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Town Road Aid

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, Tar	\$210.42
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Old Age Assistance

State of N. H., Department of Public Welfare	\$288.44
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Water Department

Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	\$ 1.75
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Johnson-Barker-Webb Corp., Supplies	21.89
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Frank A. Smith, Labor	161.51
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H. W. Ramsay, Express on Water Bottles	1.58
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	\$186.73
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Taxes Bought

Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector, Tax Sale	\$ 47.49
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Hazen Kennedy, Tax Collector, Tax Sale	1510.04
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	\$1557.53
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Interest

Lancaster Nat'l Bank, On Long Term Note overdue	\$ 1.15
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Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, Int. due Oct. 15, 1944	68.75
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Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Int. on Bonded Debt due May 1, 1945	1075.00
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Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, Int. due April 15, 1945	68.75
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Cheshire County Savings Bank, Int. due due April 1, 1945	178.75
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Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, Int. due Oct. 15, 1945	68.75
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Cheshire County Savings Bank, Int. due Oct. 1, 1945	178.75
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Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Int. on Bonded Debt due Nov. 1, 1945	1025.00
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	\$2664.90
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Bonds and Term Notes

Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Long Term Note due Oct. 1, 1944	\$1000.00
Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Water Bond due May 1, 1945	2000.00
Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Water Bond due Nov. 1, 1945	2000.00
Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Long Term Note due Oct. 1, 1945	1000.00
Lancaster National Bank, Surplus	4.10
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	\$6004.10

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State of New Hampshire, Special Poll Taxes	\$1035.00
William A. Warren, County Treasurer, County Tax	\$4292.19
School District, Edith M. Lowe, Treas., Appropriation	\$18500.00

TOWN MAINTENANCE Payroll**Summer:****May:**

Bert Stinson and truck	\$ 69.75
Harold Stinson, labor	27.90
Elwin Hapgood	11.70
George Shedd	23.10
David Stone	18.30
Almon Curtis	23.10
Howard McMann	.60
Nora Wheeler (gravel)	.40
H. W. Silsby (tools)	7.75
Bert Stinson and truck	38.25
Harold Stinson	15.30
Bert Stinson Jr.	12.90

September:

Bert Stinson and truck	45.00
Harold Stinson, labor	18.00
Bert Stinson Jr.	18.00
Wilfred Reed	2.70
Carl Tetu	2.40
Howard McMann	2.40
Fred Hapgood	2.70
George Shedd	3.00
Roland Shedd	6.00
Elmer Egan	4.20
Levi Portigue	1.80
Howard McMann (gravel)	1.60

October:

Bert Stinson and truck	3.75
Harold Stinson	1.50
Bert Stinson	1.50
Bert Stinson and truck	4.50
Harold Stinson	1.80
Charlie Stinson	1.80

November:

Bert Stinson and truck	7.50
Harold Stinson	3.00
Wilfred Reed	3.00
Bert Stinson and truck	3.00
Harold Stinson	1.20

 \$389.40

Winter:

January:

Bert Stinson and truck	\$ 57.50
Harold Stinson, labor	14.30

February:

Bert Stinson and truck	38.75
Harold Stinson, labor	9.30

March:

Archie Portigue	22.10
E. Bartlett	1.80
J. Cass	1.80
R. Shedd	8.10
G. Shedd	17.05
A. Curtis	2.40
L. Portigue	4.80
O. Stinson	10.00
E. Egan	10.00
R. Christie	3.60
Bert Stinson and truck	9.00
Harold Stinson, labor	1.20
Hapgood's Garage (repairs)	2.00

April:

Archie Portigue, labor and use of car	9.90
Almon Curtis	7.20
Levi Portigue	4.80
Clarence Curtis	7.20
Roland Shedd	7.20

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Joseph Portigue	7.20
Harold Stinson and truck	3.50
November:	
Bert Stinson and truck	6.00
Harold Stinson, labor	3.60
December:	
Bert Stinson and truck	3.00
Harold Stinson, labor	1.20
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	\$274.50

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 136.11
Collection 1945	2903.57
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Total	\$3039.68
Amount turned over to Treasurer	2847.13
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Cash on Hand	\$ 192.55
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Total Charges 1945	\$5147.57
Abatements	96.00
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	\$5051.57
Collections	2903.57
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	\$2148.00
Vacancy	479.25
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Unpaid	\$1668.75

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Nursing Care calls	839
Obstetrical calls	8
Baby calls	47
Welfare calls	260
School calls	164
Clinics	2

Total	1479
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Cash on hand January 1, 1945	\$155.00
Fees collected	605.60

Total	\$760.60
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Turned to Town Treasurer	\$759.60
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Cash on hand	1.00
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Respectfully submitted,

DELIA B. HAPGOOD,

Public Health Nurse.

MUNICIPAL COURT

January 1 to December 31, 1945

Carried forward from Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 11.75
Received in fines and costs	214.24
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	\$225.99

Paid to witnesses	\$ 20.48
Paid to officers	27.50
Paid to Motor Vehicle Dept.	109.60
Paid to Fish & Game Dept.	10.00
Paid to Town of Stratford	48.53

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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1945	9.88	
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Cases involving misuse of liquor	1
Cases involving misuse of motor vehicles	5
Cases involving misuse of hunting and fishing privileges	2
Cases involving gambling machines	1
Cases dismissed	4

WILLARD A. RUCH,
Justice, Stratford Municipal Court.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts

Jan. 1, 1945, Cash on hand	\$365.90
Int. on J. I. Crown Trust Fund	80.38
Rent from Stratford Hollow	24.00
Fines	35.00
Appropriation for 1945	400.00
Miscellaneous	6.37
Total	\$911.65

Expenditures

Insurance premiums	\$ 72.33
Rent for North Stratford Library	144.00
Salary of Librarian	142.00
Books for North Stratford Library	77.97
Books for Laura Johnson Library	47.99
Magazines for No. Stratford Library	8.20
Magazines for Laura Johnson Library	8.50
Miscellaneous	23.65
Total	524.64

Jan. 1, 1946—Balance on hand	\$387.01
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This has been a difficult year to supply the needs of our libraries. Because of the shortage of paper books are slow of delivery, and often much of an order is cancelled because the books are unobtainable.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL P. JOHNSON.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 22, 1946.

Board of Selectmen,
Stratford, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Stratford which was made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission in accordance with the vote of the town. This audit covered the period from November 15, 1944 to November 6, 1945. Exhibits and Schedules as hereafter listed are included as part of this report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Water Department Collector, Municipal Court and Public Health Nurse.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revised Balance Sheet—December 31, 1944:

(Exhibit I)

Changes which were made in the balance sheet of December 31, 1944, as originally made out, are reflected in the revised balance sheet presented in Exhibit I.

Decrease of Net Debt:

As indicated by Exhibit I, the Net Debt was reduced during the year ended December 31, 1944, by \$20,026.94. This decrease resulted principally from the retirement of notes and bonds and a budget surplus. The change in financial condition of the town during the year may be summarized as follows:

Net Debt—January 31, 1944	\$63,684.07
Net Debt—December 31, 1944	43,657.13
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Decrease in Net Debt	\$20,026.94

Decreases

Municipal Court Cash	\$ 5.70
Water Department Cash	101.03
Public Health Nurse Cash	155.00
Adjustment of o/s Bonds—1 31 44	1,000.00
Reduction in Bonded Debt	4,000.00
Reduction of Temporary Loan	10,000.00
Budget Surplus	5,834.08
Other Items	50.65
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	\$21,146.46

Increases

Town Hall Rent	\$538.00
T. R. A.	67.77
Accrued Interest	68.75
Water Department—	
Accounts Receivable	445.00
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	1,119.52
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Net Decrease	\$20,026.94

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:
(Exhibits II & III)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, are presented in Exhibits II and III. As indicated by the budget summary, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$4,986.06, plus an excess of actual over estimated revenue of \$848.02, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$5,834.08.

Ten Year Statements of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes: (Tables I & II)

Summarized statements of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes, covering a ten year period, prepared from reports on file in the office of the Tax Commission, are presented in statistical Tables I and II.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of November 6, 1945, is indicated in Schedule H.

TAX ACCOUNTS

Tax warrants for the levies of 1945, 1944, 1943, 1942, 1941 and 1939, and tax sale accounts for the levies of 1934 to 1944, inclusive, were examined. Summaries indicating the activity in the tax warrant and tax sale accounts for the fiscal year ended De-

ember 31, 1944, and the period from January 1st to November 6, 1945, are presented in Schedules C, C-1, C-2, and I, I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4, respectively.

TOWN CLERK

The accounts and records of the town clerk were examined and audited. All funds received by the clerk on account of the issuance of motor vehicle permits and dog licenses were properly accounted for through remittances to the Treasurer or cash on hand. Summaries of these accounts appear in Schedules D and J.

LIBRARY TREASURER

The receipts and expenditures of the Treasurer of the library were checked and the Treasurer's bank balance reconciled as of December 31, 1944 and November 6, 1945. (Schedules E and K)

WATER DEPARTMENT

The accounts of the Water Department Collector were examined and audited. Summary statements of accounts receivable as well as collections and remittances to the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, and the period from January 1st to November 6, 1945, are included in Schedules F, F-1, and L, L-1.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Closing Accounts and Remitting Funds:

It was noted that the various fiscal officers of the town report cash on hand at the close of the fiscal year. In the case of the Tax Collector, the amount exceeded \$8,000.00. It is not good procedure for town officers, other than the Treasurer, to retain "cash on hand" at the close of the year. This practice is unnecessary and tends to confuse the accounting.

The Town Treasurer should hold her accounts open for a few days after the fiscal year closes in order that **all receipts** of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk or any other fiscal officer of the town, up to and including December 31st, may be remitted to her and included in the Treasurer's accounts for the fiscal year.

Bond and Coupon Account:

An analysis of the bond and coupon account which is carried in the Lancaster National Bank was made and a summarized statement of this account for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, is presented in Schedule B-1.

It was found that deposits have been made to this account without regard to the amount actually necessary to meet the requirements of maturing bonds, notes and interest. We have therefore prepared a table showing the amounts of principal and interest maturities as they occur and the sums which should be transferred from the general fund to the bond and coupon account which will be found in Exhibit IV-A of this report. For example on April 15, 1946, interest on the water notes in the amount of \$233.75 becomes payable. This amount should be deposited in the bond and coupon account prior to that date and the interest on the notes charged to this account by the bank rather than the general fund account.

Likewise on May 1, 1946, two bonds of the issue of 1921 amounting to \$2,000.00 mature, together with coupons on both bond issues totaling \$975.00. Therefore \$2,975.00 should be transferred from the general fund account to the bond and coupon account during the latter part of April to meet these maturities.

Water Department Accounts Receivable:

Summary statements of accounts receivable of the water department as of December 31, 1944 and November 6, 1945, are included in Schedules F and L, respectively. These indicate that the collection of the old accounts should be improved. During the year 1944 current billings for service rendered were \$2,712.97, while collections during the same period amounted to \$2,567.09, or \$145.88 less than the amount billed. The fact that the accounts receivable decreased from \$3,164.62 to \$2,553.70, during 1944, was partly due to credits for vacancies, abatements and charge-offs of uncollectible accounts and is not indicative of improved collections. In the period from January 1st to November 6, 1945, collections amounted to \$2,174.57 compared to current billings of \$1,934.12, indicating a slight improvement.

As indicated by Schedule I-4, as of November 6, 1945, there were unredeemd taxes outstanding on the books from the tax sales on account of the levies of 1934 to 1944, inclusive. All taxes which remain unredeemed after two years from the date of the tax sale should be cleaned up either through collector's deeds to the town or by abatement if for any reason a deed cannot be taken. Tax delinquent property taken by the town through collector's deeds should be disposed of as soon as possible by resale to the original owner or other party thus bringing it back on the tax rolls.

Dog Licenses:

The collection of dog licenses is not satisfactory. The law provides that all dogs shall be licensed on or before April 30th annually (Revised Laws of New Hampshire—Chapter 180) and if this is not done the Selectmen shall issue a warrant to the dog

constable within ten days after May 1st, directing him to proceed to enforce the law. It is recommended that dog owners be notified that the provisions of the law in regard to the licensing of dogs must be complied with or, if not, lose their dogs through its enforcement.

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of all town officials, with exceptions as herein noted, were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to the uniform system prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the inclusion of Exhibits and Schedules is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Stratford for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler,
Director.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL
ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Lawton B. Chandler,
Albert W. Juwel,
Auditors.
Harry G. Hager,
Sidney S. Frissell,
Accountants.

Division of Municipal Accounting

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 22, 1946

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944 and the period from January 1st to November 6, 1945; and, subject to the exceptions noted in this report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits and Schedules included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold G. Fowler,
Director.

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1953	2000	150	150	75	1000.00	137.50	137.50	5775.00
1954	2000	100	100	75	1000.00	123.75	123.75	6522.50
1955	2000	50	50		1000.00	110.00	110.00	3320.00
1956					1000.00	96.25	96.25	1192.50
1957					1000.00	82.50	82.50	1165.00
1958					1000.00	68.75	68.75	1137.50
1959					1000.00	55.00	55.00	1110.00
1960					1000.00	41.25	41.25	1082.50
1961					1000.00	27.50	27.50	1055.00
1962					1000.00	13.75	13.75	1027.50

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - Town of Stratford, N. H.

Date	From Whom	Source	Amount
1944	Check 6634, Sept. 29, 1942 never returned—lost.		\$.92
Aug. 24	Selectmen	Taxation	1,000.00
Sept. 22	Selectmen	Taxation	3,000.00
Oct. 25	Selectmen	Taxation	2,000.00
Nov. 11	South Western Pub. Co.	Refund	2.22
Nov. 21	Selectmen	Taxation	2,000.00
Dec. 12	Town of Brunswick, Vt.	Tuition	238.50
Dec. 14	Selectmen	Taxation	3,000.00
Dec. 18	Columbia School District	H. S. tuition	37.50
Dec. 19	Town of Bloomfield	H. S.	787.50
1945			
Jan. 11	State Treasurer	Equalization fund	3,876.50
Feb. 15	First Baptist Church	Supplies for work done	4.90
Mar. 16	Selectmen	Taxation	3,000.00
Mar. 21	Columbia School District	H. S. tuition	37.50
Apr. 19	Selectmen	Taxation	2,000.00

Apr. 21	Mrs. Stella Savage	Elem. tuition	27.09
Apr. 28	School nurse	Collected for vaccination	5.00
May 17	Selectmen	Taxation	2,000.00
June 9	Doris Ramsay	Elem. tuition	27.09
June 11	Town of Bloomfield, Vt.	H. S. tuition	787.50
June 11	First Baptist Church	Supplies for work done	.75
June 11	First Baptist Church	Supplies for work done	1.50
June 12	Selectmen	Taxation	1,000.00
June 12	Selectmen	Back dog tax	500.00
June 15	Town of Maidstone, Vt.	H. S. tuition	150.00
June 15	Town of Maidstone, Vt.	Elem. tuition	257.00
June 29	State Treasurer	Refund Home Economics	292.20

Total Receipts During Year

\$26,033.49

FINANCIAL REPORT - Town of Stratford, N. H.

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1944, and Ending June 30, 1945

Receipts

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary schools
Federal aid for vocational education

\$3,876.50
292.20

Total

\$ 4,168.70

Income from Local Taxation:

For support of elementary schools
For support of high schools
For salaries of district officers
For payment of per capita tax (\$2)
For other obligations

\$7,882.00
9,000.00
200.00
484.00
1,434.00

Total

\$19,000.00

From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Back dog licenses	500.00	
Elementary school tuitions	455.00	
High school tuitions	1,894.50	
Sale of property	7.15	
Other receipts	8.14	
Total		<u>\$ 2,864.79</u>

Total receipts from all sources
Cash on hand beginning of year, July 1, 1944

	<u>\$26,033.49</u>
	1,584.79
Grand Total	<u>\$27,618.28</u>

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS - Town of Stratford, N. H.

Lots	On hand Dec. 31st, 1944	Int.		On hand Dec. 31, '45
		Jan. 1 '45	July 1, '45	
L. Johnson	\$621.73	\$6.21	\$6.27	\$621.73
I. Johnson				
N. D. Piper				
I. Crown				
Eliza Connary	103.04	1.03	1.04	103.04
Clara Waters	100.00	1.00	1.01	100.00
Alice Wheeler	300.00	3.00	3.03	300.00
Florence French	200.00	2.00	2.02	200.00
Christopher Day	100.00	1.00	1.01	100.00
M. & J. O'Dowd	101.51	1.01	1.02	103.54
L. W. Prescott	102.05	Apr. 1st 2.57		102.05
Stone & Ockington	200.00	4.00	4.00	200.00
		PAULINE HUNT,		
		DELIA B. HAPGOOD,		
		DOROTHY HAPGOOD,		
		Trustees,		

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratford
qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in the village of North Stratford, in said district, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 1946, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District as determined by the School Board in its annual budget report.
8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 as a deficiency appropriation to meet the salary budget for the present school year.
9. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hand at said Stratford this
31st day of January, 1946.

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA STEVENS,
WALTER NILES,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA STEVENS,
WALTER NILES,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Chairman, Leslie E. Barnett	1947
Secretary, Flora H. Stevens	1946
Member, Walter L. Niles	1948
Treasurer, Edith M. Lowe	
Clerk,	
Truant Officer, Delia B. Hapgood	
Auditor, Julian E. Wakefield	
Moderator, Ralph Hutchins	
Supt. of Schools, Austin J. McCaffrey	

Board meetings are called by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1944	\$ 1,584.79
Received from Selectmen:	
Appropriations	\$19,000.00
Dog tax	500.00
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Aid	3,876.50
Federal Aid	292.20
Received from all other sources	2,364.79
	<hr/> \$26,033.49
Total amount available for school year	\$27,618.28
Less school board orders paid	26,923.58
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1945	\$ 694.70

EDITH M. LOWE,

District Treasurer.

July 6, 1945.

BALANCE SHEET**Assets, June 30, 1945**

Cash on hand:	
Balance June 30, 1945	\$ 694.70
Accounts due to district:	
From State	189.40
Due from others:	
Brunswick town tuition	215.20
Total Assets	\$1,099.30

Liabilities, June 30, 1945

Accounts owed by district:	
Harold Ramsay	\$ 134.88
Total Liabilities	\$ 134.88
Excess of assets over liabilities	964.42
Grand Total	\$1,099.30

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and financial records of the school board of Stratford and the records of the school district treasurer of Stratford, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Auditor.

July 6, 1945.

LIST OF TEACHERS' SALARIES FOR 1944-45

John W. Day	\$2200
Mary Main	1200
Jeanette Briggs	1500
Harriet Allen	1440
Doris M. Borassa	1300
G. E. Wentworth	500
Selma K. Smith	1175
Mary E. Bennett	1050
Grace S. Martin	1175
Stella Ingerson	1100
Edith B. McGuire	1100
Ethel R. Wheeler	1050
Nathalie S. Fuller	1050

BUDGET FOR 1946-1947

School Board's estimate of the amount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations for the year beginning July 1, 1946.

Detailed Statement of Proposed Expenditures

	High School	Elem. School
Support of Schools:		
Teachers' salaries	\$9394.00	\$8910.00
Text books	175.00	175.00
Scholars' supplies	250.00	250.00
Flags and appurtenances		10.00
Other expenses of instruction	25.00	10.00
Janitor service	338.00	618.00

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Fuel	548.00	800.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	100.00	150.00
Minor repairs and expenses	50.00	300.00
Medical inspection	30.00	480.00
Transportation	750.00	2690.00
Other special activities	75.00	25.00

Total	\$11735.00	\$14418.00
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High School plus Elem. School equals	\$26,153.00
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Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	\$210.00
Truant officer and school census	15.00
Expenses of Administration	150.00
Supt. excess salary	411.55
Other obligations	99.45

Fixed Charges:

Per capita tax (\$2 per capita)	484.00
Insurance	225.00
Teachers' Retirement	385.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,980.00

Total estimated expense	\$28,133.00
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Estimated Income of the District

Other Than Taxation:

Balance June 30, 1946 (Estimate)	\$ 394.70
State Aid (Estimate)	4100.00
Dog Tax	75.00
High School tuition (Estimate)	1800.00
Elementary tuition (Estimate)	500.00

Total estimated income	\$ 6,869.70
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Assessment required to balance budget	\$21,263.30
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Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. BARNETT,

FLORA H. STEVENS,

WALTER L. NILES,

School Board.

Stratford, N. H.

January 20, 1946.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

**To the Members of the School Board and Citizens of
Stratford:**

No single year in the history of public education brought with it so many problems as the school year we are now in. Teacher shortage reached its peak and made itself felt all over the nation with critical situations arising in our smaller communities. The number of graduates from our teachers' colleges was almost negligible while the surplus list of previously trained candidates reached the saturation point. Salary demands were far above those of previous years as men and women endeavored to keep pace with the increased cost of living. It was only as expected when we were forced to meet the standards set by other communities in our area. Unless we continue to do so, I see no chance of attracting well trained teachers for our schools. In certain specialized fields such as Commerce and Home Economics there were no available candidates. The demand far exceeded the supply and the larger communities were in a better position to secure the few available graduates. We are trying to maintain high standards as prescribed by our State Board of Education. This makes it impossible to contract the services of people who are not fully trained and qualified. To follow any other practice would be to invite disaster. It has been our policy this year and it will continue to be in the future to secure for our boys and girls the ablest trained instructors and to give to them the best program of education that the resources put at our command can secure.

We were fortunate to have only one change in our elementary staff with Mr. Wilfred Turnelle Jr., a four year graduate of Plymouth Teachers' College, taking over the work in grades 7 and 8. The new staff in the high school includes Mr. Russell H. Marshall as headmaster who came to us from Everett, Massachusetts. He received his B. A. at Boston University and continued his graduate work at the same institution. Mr. George Zoulias joined the staff when released from the U. S. Navy in October. Mr. Zoulias attended Keene Teachers' College and received his B. A. degree from Salem Teachers' College. He had previously taught and coached at Derry, New Hampshire. He is instructor of Mathematics and Biology and Coach. Mrs. Dorothy Marshall, a graduate of Framingham Teachers' College, was engaged to teach a general schedule of subjects. Mr. Hans Frei, a graduate of North Carolina State College and Yale Divinity, was employed to handle English and French. The schedule was revised to offer as many courses as possible to meet the needs of the students. We were fortunate to be able to offer such a varied program under such handicaps. I have been in constant contact with the teacher training institutions and agencies and I can say without fear of contradiction that the problem of teacher will be with us for several years.

The following pupils should be congratulated for perfect attendance during 1944-45: Madeline Clayton, Joanne Ellis, Donald Morrison, Doris Riff, Lila Allin, Lewis Allin, Walter Gniady, Carloe McMann, Peter Paquette, and Geraldine White.

The annual health examination was made by Miss Delia Hapgood, R. N. The report showed 22

pupils with defective vision, four with defective hearing, 24 with diseased tonsils and 112 with defective teeth. The follow up work of Miss Hapgood resulted in six being treated for defective vision, 22 for defective teeth and four for diseased tonsils.

During the year seven cases of measles were reported, two cases of scarlet fever and seven cases of pediculosis.

In regard to the budget for 1946-47, you will notice that item **Teachers' Retirement** is new. The past session of the State Legislature passed the retirement bill which makes it obligatory to contribute a certain percent of the teacher's salary to this fund if a teacher voluntarily joins the system. The cost of this to the district for the coming year will be about \$385.00. This apparent increased cost of running schools is brought about in part by the decrease in our income. This decrease has been brought about by greater demands from other schools which has resulted in a cut of about 20 per cent in our state aid. The policy has been to keep the cost of running our schools at an absolute minimum. A survey of the cost of operating the schools of this state during the past years would indicate that there has been a definite increase. Our expenditures seem to be very reasonable in any comparison.

Due to the increased cost of materials and services, repair work on our buildings has been put off. The ceilings in the hallways and main room are very much in need of replacement. The furnace is not in condition for maximum performance. Both buildings could benefit from painting and the general lighting conditions are poor. It would seem a wise policy to start work as soon as possible and do the work grad-

ually over a period of years rather than have to face a large outlay during any one school year.

We are offering the basic courses which will enable students to qualify for college, training for nurses and for finishing schools together with a general education which prepares for good citizenship and good living. This program is in keeping with other schools of our size in the state. At such times as conditions will permit, we will expand upon our present offerings and make such changes as will be for the further improvement of our schools.

I earnestly ask for your further cooperation and support in these times of unusual difficulty. We must never forget **that the schools exist solely for the pupils**—to that purpose we are all dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN J. McCAFFREY,

Superintendent of Schools.

PAYMENTS

	Total Amt.	Gen. Exp.	H. Sch.	Elem.
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		
Supt. excess salary	411.55	411.55		
Truant officers and school census	30.00	30.00		
Expenses of Adm.	120.98	120.98		
Instruction:				
Teachers' salaries	15911.98		\$7906.43	\$ 8005.55
Text books	317.02		213.55	103.47
Scholars' supplies	723.75		289.39	434.36
Flags and appurtenances	4.91			4.91
Other expenses of instruction	18.06		18.06	
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:				
Janitor service	925.44		320.72	604.72
Fuel	1449.21		687.09	762.12
Water, light, janitor's supplies	453.25		176.39	276.86
Minor repairs and expenses	542.60		180.66	361.94

Auxiliary Agencies:			
Health supervision		128.00	\$72.00
Transportation		741.82	2713.18
Fixed Charges:			
Per capita tax (\$2)	1000.00		
Insurance and other fixed charges	3455.00		
		484.00	484.00
		871.48	871.48
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:			
New equipment	4.35	4.35	
Total	\$26923.58	\$2122.36	\$10662.11
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1945)	694.70		\$14139.11
Grand Total	\$27618.28		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1945.

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residence at Time of Marriage</i>	<i>Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Place of Birth of Each</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married</i>
April 28 No. Stratford	Israel Houle	Island Pond, Vt.	24 Lumberman	Coaticook, P. Q.	Willie Houle	1 Rev. Leo Poulin
Aug. 22 No. Stratford	Bernice Patnaude	No. Stratford	18 Housework	Guildhall, Vt.	Frederick Patnaude	1 No. Stratford
Dec. 15 No. Stratford	Leo LaPointe	Stratford	36 U. S. Army	Stratford	Edw. LaPointe	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
Mar. 26 Colebrook	F. Arline Silsby	Stratford	32 Teacher	So. Lunenburg, Vt.	Hubert Silsby	2 Stratford
Nov. 23 No. Stratford	Ray Libby Jr.	Stratford	17 Mill-hand	Willimantic, Conn.	Ray Libby	1 Rev. Hans W. Frei
Aug. 31 Colebrook	Dorothy Barrows	Lancaster	18 Housework	Lancaster	Clifford Barrows	1 No. Stratford
Nov. 23 No. Stratford	Burleigh Place	Stewartstown	24 Farmer	Stewartstown	Guy Place	1 Rev. M. H. Porter
Aug. 31 Colebrook	Catherine Sweatt	No. Stratford	18 At home	Columbia	Hollis Sweatt	1 Colebrook
Oct. 31 No. Stratford	William Peterson	Hartford, Conn.	25 U. S. Army	Island Pond, Vt.	Wm. Peterson	1 Rev. Hans W. Frei
Aug. 31 Colebrook	Marjorie Martin	No. Stratford	24 Teacher	No. Stratford	True Martin	1 No. Stratford
Oct. 31 No. Stratford	Henry H. Bresette	Colebrook	18 Laborer	Stewartstown, Me.	Hinman J. Bresette	1 Rev. G. M. Peacock
Dec. 8 Groveton	Claudia A. Reynolds	Stratford	19 Housework	Groveton	Leon N. Reynolds	1 Colebrook
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Harold E. Barnett	Northumberland	35 Farmer	Bloomfield, Vt.	Harry Barnett	1 Rev. H. W. Frei
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Elaine H. Shoff	Stratford	23 Clerk	W. Paris, Me.	Floyd Shoff	1 No. Stratford
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	William Boule	Stratford	28 Trackman	Columbia	Bernie Boule	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Eda Johnson	No. Stratford	20 At home	Lemington, Vt.	Samuel Johnson	1 Groveton
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Dermont Dowse	W. Stewartstown	35 Truck driver	Johnston, Vt.	Warren Dowse	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Barbara Heath	White River Jct.	19 Factory worker	Skowhegan, Me.	Claude Heath	1 Groveton
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Clifton Richards	Skowhegan, Me.	33 Machinist	Bloomfield, Vt.	Austin Richards	2 Rev. E. M. Fuller
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Geraldine Daggett	Camillus, N. Y.	20 At home	Dresden, Me.	Omer Daggett	1 No. Stratford
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Donald Shoff	No. Stratford	41 Contractor		Leslie Shoff	2 Rev. A. Vachon
Feb. 18 No. Stratford	Clarice Mills	No. Stratford	35 War worker		Fred Stilphen	2 No. Stratford

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1945.

<i>Date of Birth and Name of Child if any</i>	<i>Sex — L or S No. of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>	<i>Occupation of Father</i>	<i>Birthplace of Father</i>	<i>Birthplace of Mother</i>
Dec 12 Edward Gene	M L 2	Edward Broome	Nina P. Sweet	U. S. Army	Unknown	Nova Scotia
July 2 Irene Joan	F L 1	Israel Houle	Vernice Patnaude	Laborer	Coaticook, Que.	Guildhall, Vt.
July 28 Linda Isabel	F L 3	Roger Hunt	Pauline Fuller	Public Service Co.	Northumberland	No. Stratford
Jan 3 Carol Ann Marie	F L 13	William King	Carmen Dupuis	Laborer	No. Stratford	Canada
Sept 2 Gerald Everett	M L 1	Kenneth King	Pauline Blodgett	Laborer	Stratford	Northumberland
Aug 24 Dianne Charlotte	F L 6	Armand Lacasse	Antoinette Roby	Laborer	Jackman, Me.	Beecher Falls, Vt.
Mar 11 Larry Robert	M L 11	Malcolm Leighton	Marie Blanchard	Laborer	Stark	Berlin
July 28 Esther Geneva	F L 5	Frank Laythe	Geneva Sanborn	Truck driver	Newport, Vt.	Canada
Mar 23 Patricia Lee	F L 1	Wallace LaBonte	Geneva Saseen	Lumber Inspector	New York	Newport, Vt.
Dec 3 Charlene Alice	F L 6	Leonard Poffet	Lila Alger	Laborer	Stratford	Bury, Que.
July 22 Barden Delbert	M L 11	Oral Paquette	Isabelle Barden	Farming	Boyer City, Mich.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Oct 2 Sharon Mae	F L 5	Charles Riff	Ruby Hollway	Mill man	Island Pond, Vt.	Lancaster
June 6 Sandra Edith	F L 1	Shirley Stevens	Eva Mills	Section man	No. Stratford	W. Stewartstown
Jan 6 James Eugene	M L 1	Donald Sheltry	Pearl Corliss	Farming	Groveton	Island Pond, Vt.
Nov 18 Darlene Aleeta	F L 14	William King	Carmen Dupuis	Laborer	No. Stratford	Canada
Dec 30 Betty Lou	F L 4	Graydon Williams	Rose Patnaude	Truck driver	Bloomfield, Vt.	Maidstone, Vt.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

<i>Date and Place of Death</i>	<i>Name and Surname of Deceased</i>	<i>Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth</i>	<i>Male or Female Single, Married, Widowed and Occupation</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
Oct 29 W. Stewart'n	Archie Arsenault	53 11 5 Prince Edw. Is.	M M Sawmill worker	Patrick Arsenault	Mary Guidet
Feb 15 Charlestown	Jennie Blodgett	82 20 Stratford	F M Homemaker	Isaac Johnson	Gotham
June 19 Norway Me	Jennie Bennett	78 9 Stratford	F W Housewife	William Hapgood	Rebecca Mason
Dec 1 No Stratford	Angelo Delmedico	61 16 Italy	M S Shoemaker		
Oct Stratford	Guy W. Flanders	61 5 5 Waldoboro, Me.	M S Laborer	Geo. Flanders	Carrie Smalley
Mar 26 Hanover	Frederick Hapgood	39 15 Stratford	M M Garage Prop.	Arthur Hapgood	Lucy Willey
May 19 No Stratford	Mary C. Hurley	70 7 28 Brown Mills, Vt.	F W Housekeeper	James Dolye	Margaret Dougherty
Jan 26 W Stewart'n	John Jordan	62 9 23 Stratford	M S Steam Engineer	Abel B. Jordan	Isabel Peck
Dec 1 No Stratford	Archie McCaskell	76 4 25 Lower Selma, N. S.	M S Laborer	Allen McCaskell	Susan Webb
Nov 20 No Stratford	Fred J. Patnaude	65 1 Coaticook, Can.	M M Woodsman	Joseph Patnaude	Alice Clements

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk.

